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Grapes

Salem Dec. 7th 1846.

Sir

Your letter of Dec 4th is received I have seen several Grapes shown as the Black Hamburgh which are not true I strongly suspect many Grapes are grown as the true Black Hamburgh that are the Black Tripoli, which is very like the former excepting the shape of berry which is longer & not quite so spirited in taste, still is very like as to pass for it: the Black Prince is very unlike the Hamburg, the shape of the berry almost like the old St. Peters -

You sent me on an order in 1845 - several new Grapes, among them was the De candolle, they came in very bad order the pots all broken & the names gone from each one as they were not tied on, half of them died & the others will finish at next year, what they will turn out cant say - can you tell by your books what they were, half of them were Hamburgh, one De candolle & I think one was August Muscat, I have lost the list of them & cant put my hand upon it at present; the vines you sent me in July the last part & or if you can find my letter to you in July, then you can find the order

If you will send me the five vines you name I will try them, if you have them highly recommended if the berries are small either Black or White do not wish

for them, in France they are trying to get more sorts all the time for something earlier a more hardy or better, for Open culture, now we do not want to try these in Grape houses unless they are better than what we have, as to flavor colour etc,

The names you mentioned were Bourdelas Calabrian (I have a vine called Caillabé not in fruit is this the same) Gros Coulard. Grosse perle blanche De Candolle -

I have sent you a box of the Hamburgh cuttings all of this kind; some vines in fruit; they have been all cut by myself & can be no mistake for, this refers to all the kinds sent you -

Of them Hamburgh there are eyes enough for 1500 vines -

Respectfully
Yours
John Fisk Allen

Is Muscat nova

Ar Kabour d Echalotta superba